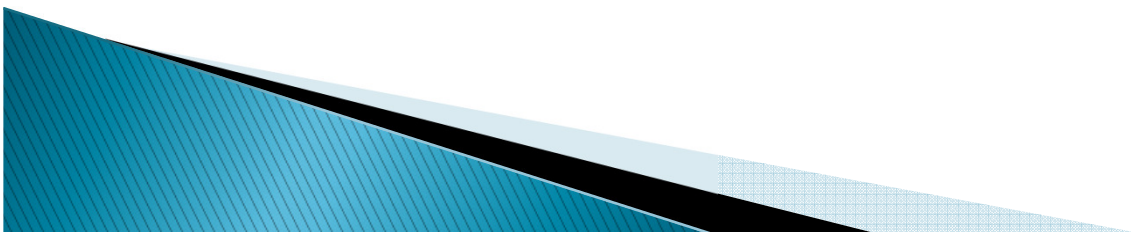


Look at the following sentences & group them into 4 categories.

1. I slept for eight hours last night.
2. Ahmad was playing hockey while Siti was watching TV.
3. After I finished my work, I went to bed.
4. Susan has finished her painting assignment.
5. I have seen the movie.
6. I ironed my clothes this morning.
7. The movie was going on while the kids were screaming.
8. I went to bed after I finished my work.
9. When the phone rang, I answered it.
10. The old man has seen better days.
11. Last year I studied French at Taylor's University College.
12. While he was doing up his car, his wife was shopping.



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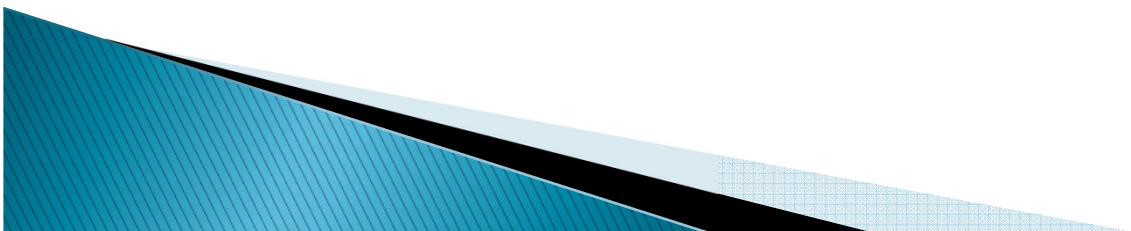
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The tenses: Explained...

Simple Past → played, talked, took, broke, cried,

- ▶ a past action that happened at a **specific time** in the past
- ▶ used with time clause – after, when, before

Past Progressive → was/were playing, was/were talking, was/were crying ...

- ▶ an action that was in progress at **a point of time** in the past
- ▶ two actions happening **simultaneously** in the past
- ▶ used with 'while'

Present Perfect → has/have played, has/have talked, has/have taken

- ▶ a past action where the **time is not specified**
- ▶ shows an action completed recently – just, already



Why are the **simple past** and **past continuous** used together in these sentences?

- Tom **burnt** his hand when he **was cooking** dinner.
- I **saw** you in the park yesterday. You **were sitting** on the grass and **reading** a book.
- While I **was working** in the garden, I **hurt** my back.
- As Helena **was running away** from her kidnappers, she **fell** and **sprained** her ankle.

→ An action **interrupted** another action.

What's the difference?

- I was walking home **when** I met Dave.
- I was thinking about my assignment **while** I was walking home.
- Ann was watching television **when** the phone rang.
- Ann was watching television **while** I was talking on the phone.

Compare: What's the difference?

1. When Karen arrived, we **were having** dinner.
2. When Karen arrived, we **had** dinner.

1. We had already started dinner before Karen arrived. When she arrived, we were in the middle of dinner.
2. First Karen arrived and **then** we had dinner.

Verbs not used in the progressive tense

- Non-action verbs (verbs that do not show movement or physical activity)
- E.g. hear, see, smell, taste, forgive, like, love, hate, need, prefer, want, believe, forget, know, remember, seem, think (believe), understand, belong to, have (own), own, possess

Examples

- The teacher **was wanting** everyone to do well in his class. **WRONG!!!!!!**
- The teacher **wanted** everyone to do well in his class. **CORRECT**
- All of the students **were understanding** today's lesson. **WRONG!!!!!!**
- All of the students **understood** today's lesson.

CORRECT

What about these sentences?

- We **were having** a party / a test / a good time.
were organising
- I **was thinking** about my family / my job / my homework assignment when you came into the room. **was thinking**
- We **were seeing** each other before we broke up a year ago. **were dating**